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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

John E. EBY et al.

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For: SURFACE COVERINGS HAVING
A NATURAL APPEARANCE AND
METHODS TO MAKE A SURFACE
COVERING HAVING A NATURAL
APPEARANCE

Group Art Unit: 1732

Examiner: A. Kuhns

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111

In response to the Office Action dated March 28, 2000, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and continued examination of this application in view of the following amendments and remarks.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 25 and 26 as follows and add new claim 47:

225. (Twice Amended) The method of claim ~~33~~, [further comprising] **wherein**
said first layer comprises foam and the chemical embossing comprises the step
of expanding said foam [layer during said curing step].

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